

Appln. No. 10/658,617  
Reply to Office action of April 12, 2006  
Response dated October 12, 2006

**REMARKS**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 12, 2006 for the above-identified patent application.

Applicants request a three (3) month extension of time for response up to and including October 12, 2006.

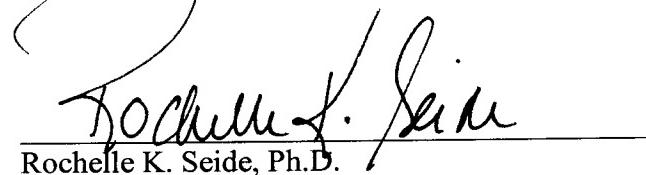
Claims 1-27 are currently pending. Claims 1-8, 13-18 and 27 have been allowed. Claims 9-12 and 19-26 have been rejected.

By this amendment Applicants have canceled Claims 9-12 and 19-26. Thus, in view of this amendment, Applicants believe there are no further issues remaining in this case and that a Notice of Allowance directed to Claims 1-8, 13-18 and 27 should be issued. Applicants respectfully request that this occur expeditiously.

A three (3) month extension to the time for responding to the Office Action is respectfully requested. Payment of the extension fee is to be made according to the Credit Card Payment Form attached herewith. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this response. However, if additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Docket Number 027705.00026.**

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**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	15 MINUS	<b>65</b>	= -0-	x \$25	\$0.00
INDEP CLAIMS	7 MINUS	<b>16</b>	= -0-	x \$100	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$180	\$0.00
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OR

	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY
	RATE	ADD'L FEE
	x \$50	\$
	x \$200	\$
	+ \$360	\$
		\$

OR

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge and deficiency or credit any overpayment of fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 027707.00026.